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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

ATTENTION :

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FROM :

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE :

: Chief, RB/RG/CGS

: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

: Military Activity Search, Algerian-Moroccan Border

: Requirement No. C-C13-80,654 (Project No. C 1371-63)

1. In response to Requirement No. C-C13-80,654 (C 1371-63), a study was made from  of the area between 32-25N-01 45W along the Algerian-Moroccan Border to 31 45N-02 50W in an effort to locate any indications of a possible military build-up.

2. A search within 15 nm of each side of the Border in the area of interest did not reveal any indications of a military build-up. The entire area was covered by good quality, cloud-free, aerial photography.

3. The following items of interest were noted as a result of the study:

(a) An airstrip was identified on the Moroccan side of the border at approximately 32 19N-01 41W. It appears serviceable. No aircraft were observed.

(b) A settlement at approximately 32 13N-01 42W revealed no apparent military function.

(c) The roads and rail lines to Siguig (32 05N-01 15W) show no sign of traffic.

(d) A probable border fort was observed at approximately 32 02N-01 38W.

(e) The town of Siguig contains no identifiable military barracks or military storage areas.

(f) A probable military installation is located on the Algerian side of the border, 0.5 nm east of Siguig at approximately 32 06N-01 09W. It consists of two enclosed areas with a total of 29 buildings. No trackage or other activity observed. A dirt landing strip with one N/S

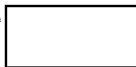
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and one WSW/ENE runway is located immediately south of the complex. The strip appears serviceable. No aircraft observed. Two small settlements are located 5 nm SE of the military installation.

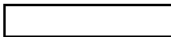

(g) A small settlement is located on the border at 32 05N-01 12W. The settlement has no apparent military significance and is probably associated with the rail line.

(h) A settlement containing 6 probable buildings is located at 32 03N-01 15W. The area is located on the Moroccan side of the border between the border road and the rail line - border trace. A probable border fort is located approximately 2 nm NE of the settlement. No military activity was observed.

(i) An enclosed Moroccan probable border station containing 4 buildings is located at 32 02N-01 30W. No military activity was observed.

(j) The town of Ben Zireo (31 55N-01 58W) does not appear to contain any identifiable military installations.

(k) The town of Columb-Bechar (31 35N-02 15W) does not appear to contain any identifiable military installations or associated activity.

4. The photo analysis on this project was performed by   
CIA/PID/GMB (NPIC), who may be contacted on  for any additional  
information.

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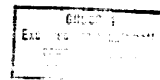
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